

IBERIA PARISH LEVEE, HURRICANE, AND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 2015

TIME: Six (6:00) O'Clock P.M.

ATTENDANCE: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard,
Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol
Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

OTHERS: Randy Moertle, Stan Aucoin and Pat Landry - CPRA; Mike
Pugh, Mitch Andrus, and Ralph Liberstat - Royal Engineers
and Consultants, LLC; Oneil Malbrough - CBI, LLC;
Councilmen Marty Trahan and David Ditch; Wendell Verret -
Twin Parish Port Director; and Bill Stiles.

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Gonsoulin deferred the vote of Chairman to Vice-Chairman Benson Langlinais who opened the floor for discussion.

Upon questioning if the by-laws should have been placed for adoption prior to the election of officers, Mr. Patrick Broussard explained that the proposed by laws briefly state that the Board is to have nominations and elections on its first meeting of the year. He noted that an election takes a vote of five members to be appointed.

Upon further discussion, several members of the District suggested that the election be moved to the next meeting, with hopes that all members be present and further that the by-laws be adopted prior to said election.

A motion was made by Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr., seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, that the election of officers a) Chairman; b) Vice-Chairman; and c) Secretary/Treasurer be tabled to next District meeting after the adoption of the proposed by-laws. (Summary No. 2015-01)

This motion to table having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: Patrick Broussard.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to table was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 2, 2014
Regular Meeting of November 6, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Benson Langlinais, seconded by Mr. James Landry, that the minutes of the October 2, 2014 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meetings be approved as presented.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr., that the minutes of the November 6, 2014 Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District meetings be approved as presented.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS

1. Mr. Wendell Verret, Twin Parish Port Director to address the District to provide an update on the Twin Parish Port and further discuss collaborative coastal projects.

Mr. Wendell Verret offered his support and assistance to the District stating that coastal protection is extremely important to the Twin Parish Port and to the Delcambre Community. Mr. Verret stated that the Port is currently working with the seafood industry, and has other plans for the future, with hopes of working closely with the Iberia Parish Levee District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED
(Comments accepted from the general public)

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to receive public comments on business to be discussed.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Scott Saunier, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Updates:
 - a. Restore Act Grant Allocation (Iberia Parish Council Resolution No. 2014-429);

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the \$180,000 allocation to be received from Iberia Parish Government will complement the matching funds for the engineering study for the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project.

It was then noted that a motion should be offered to authorize the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Iberia Parish Government to accept \$180,000 in funding for the engineering study for the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that a Resolution be adopted authorizing the Chairman to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Iberia Parish Government to accept \$180,000 in funding for the engineering study

for the Delcambre-Avery Canal Project. (Resolution No. 2015-02)

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

At this time, Mr. James Stein requested that the members of the Council in attendance look into a possible bookkeeping discrepancy on the \$75,000 in operational funding to be allocated to the District within the 2015 budget appropriation.

- b. The Execution of an Agreement with Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC; and

Chairman Gonsoulin informed the members of the District that the Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Mr. James Lee, Facility, Planning and Control and that said document will be executed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Ms. Babette Lastrapes, Iberia Parish Government Director of Finance then entered the meeting.

At this time, Ms. Lastrapes informed the members of the District that the \$75,000 appropriation is currently not budgeted, but would have to be sent in the form of a request from the District for a budget revision. Members of the District recalled that they had not made a formal request as Councilman Marty Trahan requested the \$75,000 appropriation within the proposed 2015 Budget review. Ms. Lastrapes advised that the \$75,000 appropriation was discussed in the 2015 Budget review, but never made it to final adoption. Members of the District then discussed expanding the agenda at the end of the meeting in order to adopt a Resolution to request said funding.

- c. Submission for NOAA's Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson Langlinais, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the submission for NOAA's Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise Program be deleted from the agenda as the application was never submitted. (Summary No. 2015-03)

This motion to delete having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to delete was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

2. Discuss and consider a Resolution adopting by-laws for the Iberia Parish, Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District.

Mr. Patrick Broussard pointed out language within the proposed by-laws which has been either deleted, altered, and/or added since the last meeting. At that time members of the District reviewed the proposed by-laws, and made additional changes as necessary before final adoption.

Upon reviewing the proposed by-laws it was noted that the process of preparing and adopting a budget would need to begin.

Some members of the District suggested that the discussed changes to the by-laws be made and be brought back to the next meeting for review and final adoption, by all District members.

Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr. suggested that a motion be offered to tentatively adopt the by-laws pending the changes as discussed to be brought back to the next meeting for execution.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr., that the proposed by-laws be tentatively adopted pending the changes, to be executed at the next meeting.

Upon further discussion, both members withdrew their motions.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. Carol Bourgeois, Jr., that the adoption of the proposed by-laws be deferred to the next meeting with the inclusion of proposed changes, and further that said item be placed first on the agenda. (Summary No. 2015-04)

This motion to defer having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to defer was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

3. Recommendation for the hiring of a part-time Director. (Summary No. 2014-12)

Chairman Gonsoulin recommended that this item be postponed to the end of the meeting in order that an Executive Session be conducted to discuss said recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the recommendation for the hiring a part-time Director be postponed until the end of the meeting to be discussed in Executive Session. (Summary No. 2014-12)

This motion to postpone having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to postpone was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider a Resolution announcing the Regular Meetings of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District to be held for Fiscal Year 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that a Resolution be adopted announcing the Regular Meeting schedule of the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District to be held for Fiscal Year 2015. (Resolution No. 2015-05)

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

2. Discuss and consider a Resolution of condolences to the family of Ricky Broussard, brother of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District member Patrick Broussard, who passed away on November 28, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, unanimously seconded by Messrs. James Landry, Frank Minvielle, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier, adopting a Resolution of condolences to the family of Ricky Broussard, brother of Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District member Patrick Broussard, who passed away on November 28, 2014. (Resolution No. 2015-06)

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

3. Discuss and consider a request from the Iberia Parish Council requesting the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District to develop a listing of projects eligible for the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund Allocations (Buckets 1 through 5) for Iberia Parish Government and further to present said listing to the Iberia Parish Council for final review and approval. (Iberia Parish Council Resolution No. 2014-422)

Chairman Gonsoulin stated that the Parish of Iberia would like a list of proposed projects to be presented to them for the allocation of money from the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund Allocations (Buckets 1 through 5). He noted that Royal Engineers could assist with the District in compiling a list of proposed projects.

Mr. James Stein requested that Mr. Randy Moertle and Mr. Mike Pugh of Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC determine if there would be any projects for submission to include Avery Island.

It was discussed and decided that the members of the District would not take any action until further discussion takes place by the District at future meetings.

4. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the secretary to create a Gmail Account, and further designating said email address as the point of contact for the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District.

Chairman Gonsoulin explained that this email account would be the point of contact for the District and that said account would be transferrable to the District's Director upon hiring. Mr. Gonsoulin further suggested that (iberialevee@gmail.com) be designated as the email address.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that a Resolution be adopted authorizing the Minute Secretary to create a Gmail Account, and further designate said email address (iberialevee@gmail.com) as the point of contact for the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District. (Resolution No. 2015-07)

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

Upon discussion it was decided that the members of the District

would like to expand the agenda to discuss the \$75,000 operational funding appropriation from the Parish of Iberia.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to obtain comments on an expansion to discuss and consider requesting \$75,000 in operational funding from the Parish of Iberia.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Patrick Broussard, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby expand the agenda to discuss the \$75,000 allocation from the Parish of Iberia.

This motion to expand having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to expand was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

Minute Secretary Nicole Minvielle explained that the proposed \$75,000 in funding for operations was discussed by the Iberia Parish Finance Committee and was to be included in the 2015 Budget adoptions. She explained that she was informed that there was an issue as to which line item the money would be placed in. It was then confirmed by Councilman Marty Trahan that the issue will be further reviewed and addressed. Members of the District questioned if a Resolution is needed at this time, but decided to wait until it is reviewed and addressed by the Iberia Parish Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Regular Session and convene into Public Hearing to obtain comments on an expansion for the District enter into Executive Session to discuss the recommendation for the hiring of a part-time Director.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

Mr. Stein stated that this would be the last item for discussion and thanked members of the audience for attending.

Chairman Gonsoulin executed the contract with Royal Engineers and Associates prior to their departure.

Upon hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. James Stein, seconded by Mr. Benson Langlinais, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson Langlinais, seconded by Mr. James Stein, that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby expand the agenda to recess its Regular Session to enter into Executive Session to discuss the recommendation of hiring a part-time Director.

This motion to expand having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to expand was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

Those present in Executive Session were the members in attendance and Minute Secretary Nicole Minvielle.

A motion was made by Mr. Carol Bourgeois, seconded by Mr. James Landry that the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District does hereby recess its Executive Session and reconvene into Regular Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Saunier, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Landry, that the recommendation for the hiring a part-time Director be tabled by the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District until funding is available. (Resolution No. 2014-12)

This motion to table having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: James Landry, James Stein, Patrick Broussard, Benson Langlinais, Ronald Gonsoulin, Carol Bourgeois, Jr., and Scott Saunier.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alfred "Todd" Landry and Frank Minvielle.

And the motion to table was therefore passed on this 8th day of January, 2015.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Minute Secretary Nicole Minvielle informed members of the District of the following financial matters, as follows:

1. The Port of Iberia has donated \$25,000 in operational funding

to the District and that the check has been deposited into the District's account with Iberia Parish Government, as approved by the Chairman. It was noted that said funding can be forwarded to the District's bank account, and further that a meeting should be set with Iberia Parish Government representatives in regards to the District's financials.

2. It was stated that a bank statement was received from IberiaBank, with a balance of \$100.
3. It was suggested that the members of the District begin the process of reviewing and adopting a budget. It was requested by members of the District that example budgets be obtained from other Levee Boards for review.

Mr. Stein requested that the Chairman contact Mr. Kyle Graham to schedule the receipt of \$50,000 in operational funding from CPRA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding comments on the proposed rule, Definition of Waters of the United States Under the Clean Water Act.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

- February 5, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ronald Gonsoulin, seconded by Mr. Patrick Broussard, that the District does hereby adjourn.

All members present voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

I hereby certify the fore going to be exact and true:

Ronald Gonsoulin, Chairman

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